



October 5, 2004

Public Utilities Commission
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Re: Sale of Verizon Hawaii to The Carlyle Group

I am testifying in favor of the acquisition. Local ownership with a local operator make for more jobs and more profits kept in our Hawaii economy. The bringing back to Hawaii from Texas of the HR and IT departments will create higher-paying jobs for our local economy we so desperately need. A Hawaii-based company will be accountable to our Hawaii needs. Mainland companies such as Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Costco, and Oceanic Time Warner Cable only create low-paying jobs and their profits all go away to the Mainland.

Please approve this acquisition. Thank you for allowing me your valuable time.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Kimi
President